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169 St & Audubon Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Curator of Numismatic Society,
155th Stret and Broadway.
New York.

Dear Sir;

A question came up in school concerning the name of the American Indian Chief who is portrayed on the gold coins minted by the U. S. Government. I have looked up the question in several encyclopedias and in books in the library but have found no satisfaction. I appeal to you as I know that you are familiar with all the coins and especially those of the U. S.

Thanking you for your trouble.

Yours truly,

Cora E. Bennett.

February 4th, 1921

Miss Cora Bennett
169th St. & Audubon Avenue
New York City

Dear Madam:

In reply to your enquiry in regard to the Indian Chief appearing on the United States gold coins, I can only say that, as far as I have been able to learn, neither this head nor the one on the five-cent pieces are actual portraits of any Indian.

The one on the gold piece was designed by Mr. Bela Pratt and the one on the five-cent piece by Mr. James Earle Fraser. I have heard from Mr. Fraser's studio that his is not a portrait, and he understands that the same is true of the piece designed by Mr. Pratt.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

M/E